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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Debbie Morgan
Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
465.4081

DATE: November 25, 2019

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Regulation re:
Acupuncture License Program (12 AAC 05.100 - .990)

Attorney General File:	2019200506
Regulation Filed:	11/25/2019
Effective Date:	12/25/2019
Print:	232, January 2020

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis
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ORDER ADOPTING CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The attached four pages of regulations, dealing with license requirements, continuing competency requirements, and repeal of outdated regulations, for acupuncturists regulated by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, are adopted and certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development adopts under the authority of AS 08.01.100, AS 08.06.020, AS 08.06.030, AS 08.06.040, AS 08.06.100, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Although no public comments were received, the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: 26 July 2019
Juneau, Alaska


Sara Chambers, Director
Division of Corporations, Business and
Professional Licensing

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on November 25, 2019 at 3:08 p..m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.

April Simpson
for Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: December 25, 2019.

Register: 232, January 2020.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

**I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA,
designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act
filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th,
2018.**




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**KEVIN MEYER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Chapter 05. Acupuncture.

12 AAC 05.100(b)(3) is amended to read:

(3) official verification of a license sent directly to the department from [IN] each jurisdiction where the applicant holds or has ever held a license to practice acupuncture; the verification must include information on any disciplinary proceedings or unresolved complaints against the applicant;

12 AAC 05.100(b)(4) is amended to read:

(4) a certified copy of the applicant's diplomate of acupuncture certificate issued by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) [NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CERTIFICATION OF ACUPUNCTURISTS (NCCA)] or a letter from the NCCAOM [NCCA] verifying that the applicant is qualified for a diplomate of acupuncture certificate. (Eff. 2/8/95, Register 133; am 12 / 25 / 2019, Register 232)

Authority: AS 08.06.020 AS 08.06.030 AS 08.06.100

12 AAC 05.110 is amended to read:

12 AAC 05.110. Approved school of acupuncture. To be approved by the department, a school of acupuncture must be recognized by the Council of Colleges of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CCAOM) [NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ACUPUNCTURE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES] or the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM). (Eff. 2/8/95, Register 133; am 12/2/99, Register 152; am 12 / 25 / 2019, Register 232)

Register 232, January 20²⁰~~19~~ PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS

Authority: AS 08.06.030 AS 08.06.100

12 AAC 05.200(b)(3) is repealed:

(3) repealed 12 / 25 / 2019 ;

(Eff. 2/8/95, Register 133; am 12 / 25 / 2019, Register 232)

Authority: AS 08.01.100 AS 08.06.040 AS 08.06.100

12 AAC 05.210(a) is amended to read:

(a) An applicant for renewal of a license to practice acupuncture shall document completion of **one of the following**: [15 CONTACT HOURS OF CONTINUING COMPETENCY ACTIVITIES ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT WAS EARNED DURING THE CONCLUDING LICENSING PERIOD]

(1) certification as a diplomate in acupuncture by the ~~National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine~~ (NCCAOM) during the entire concluding licensing period; or

(2) 15 Professional Development Activity (PDA) points earned solely in ~~Core~~ Competency activities in acupuncture as defined by the NCCAOM during the concluding licensing period.

12 AAC 05.210(c) is repealed:

(c) Repealed 12 / 25 / 2019. (Eff. 2/8/95, Register 133; am 12 / 25 / 2019,

Register 232)

Authority: AS 08.06.040 AS 08.06.100

12 AAC 05.220 is repealed and readopted to read:

12 AAC 05.220. Approved continuing competency activities. To be accepted by the department, continuing competency activities under 12 AAC 05.210(a)(2) must be designated a Core Competency Professional Development Activity in acupuncture by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM). (Eff. 2/8/95,

Register 133; am 12 / 25 / 2019, Register 232)

Authority: AS 08.06.040 AS 08.06.100

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Editor's note: The National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine may be contacted at 2025 M Street North West, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036;

telephone: (888)381-1140; website: www.nccaom.org. CC Publisher: Remainder of editor's note unchanged.))

12 AAC 05.230 is repealed and readopted to read:

12 AAC 05.230. Audit of continuing competency requirements. (a) The department will audit renewal applications in accordance with 12 AAC 02.960, to monitor compliance with the continuing competency requirements of 12 AAC 05.210 and 12 AAC 05.220. (Eff. 2/8/95,

Register 133; am 12 / 25 / 2019, Register 232)

Authority: AS 08.06.040 AS 08.06.100

12 AAC 05.990(2) is repealed. and readopted to read

(2) repealed _____; "NCCAOM" means the National Certification Commission For Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

Register 232, January²⁰ 2019 PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS

12 AAC 05.990(3) is repealed:

(3) repealed 12 / 25 / 2019. (Eff. 2/8/95, Register 133; am 12 / 25 / 2019,

Register 232

Authority: AS 08.06.100